

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 18-20 are pending in this application. Claims 12-17 are canceled by the present response without prejudice and new claims 19 and 20 are added for examination.

The present response is submitted to place the application in condition for allowance by only presenting subject matter indicated as allowable in the outstanding Office Action. More particularly, in the outstanding Office Action claim 18 is allowed and claim 14 was objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 12-17 were rejected.

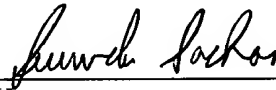
By the present response rejected claims 12-17 are canceled without prejudice.

Further, new independent claim 19 corresponds to previously pending dependent claim 14 rewritten in independent form, as dependent on previously pending independent claim 12. Further, new independent claim 20 corresponds to previously pending dependent claim 14, as dependent on previously pending claim 13. Thus, new independent claims 19 and 20 correspond to previously pending dependent claim 14 rewritten in an independent form, and thus new independent claims 19 and 20 now recite subject matter indicated as allowable in the outstanding Office Action.

By the present response only claims reciting subject matter indicated as allowable in the outstanding Office Action are currently pending. Thereby, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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